

First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma PC(USA)

Order of Worship

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.



Everyone is welcome here! God loves you, and so will we. God's grace is for all.

- We welcome children of all ages in worship! We believe that all children are gifts from God and wiggles and giggles are part of that. Restrooms are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in the Preschool's Cricket Room (north end of the main building). All staff are background checked, as are our volunteers.
- In the Narthex is a liturgical library with items to help worshipers of all ages engage with the service. Select which items you would like to use, place them in a small black bag from the left side if you wish, and please return your bag with the items to the basket beneath the display at the end of worship.
- If you or your family find attending worship in the Sanctuary causes sensory overload, we have two sensory spaces available for neurodivergent individuals to utilize while enjoying a livestream of the worship service. The first sensory room, geared toward children and those with higher support needs, is located next to the restrooms down the south first-floor hallway. The second sensory room, geared toward teens, adults, and those with lower support needs, is located in the Worship Center.
- Throughout the service, at the **, each person is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship**

One: We belong to God, who created us in love.

All: We come bearing God's image.

One: We belong to Christ, who frees us from every lesser lord.

All: We come trusting in grace.

One: We belong to the Spirit, who leads us toward our neighbors.

All: We come ready to share what God has given.

One: Let us worship the God who goes with us.

All: Let us worship with gratitude and hope!

Hymn of Praise 839** Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

you have made us in your image, and surrounded us with gifts,

yet we often place our trust in what we can possess, measure, and control.

We mistake wealth for security, power for faithfulness, and winning for righteousness.

We forget your image in neighbors who frighten us, challenge us,

or have been pushed aside.

We treat our time, money, influence, and abilities as possessions to protect rather than gifts to share.

Forgive us, O God.

Free us from every allegiance that asks us to diminish another person.

Turn us again toward your goodness.

Teach us to receive your grace with gratitude and to respond with lives of mercy, justice, generosity, and love.

Amen.

Kyrie

551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Praise**

581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end.**

Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 33:12-33

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Matthew 22:15-22

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Children ages 3 years old through 3rd grade are invited to join us for a special worship experience designed just for them!

Children will meet in the Westminster Room, located to the left as you exit the Sanctuary.
We are so excited to worship, learn and grow together!

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith**

One: What is our only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That we are not our own,
but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—
to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

One: Christ watches over us and assures us of eternal life.

**All: Because we belong to Christ,
the Holy Spirit makes us willing and ready
to live for him.**

One: In gratitude for this grace, let us offer our whole lives to God.

**All: We belong to Jesus Christ,
and nothing can separate us
from the love of God. Amen.**

Hymn of Faith 769**

For Everyone Born

Prayers of the People

**All: Our Father who art in
heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever.
All: Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Call for the Offering

Anthem

“Thou Knowest Lord” - Henry Purcell

Doxology**

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**To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn 301**

Let Us Build a House

Charge and Benediction**

One: Go into the world remembering whose image you bear.

All: We belong to God.

One: Recognize that same holy image in every neighbor you encounter.

All: We will seek justice, practice mercy, and share what God has given.

One: Use your money, your voice, your time, and your life as a grateful response to grace.

All: We will live as people, who belong to Christ.

One: And may the goodness of God shelter you, the grace of Jesus Christ free you,
and the Holy Spirit go with you, now and always.

All: Amen!

Postlude

The Communion table flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary
Beth in memory of her best friend, Marcia Kinderman, on the first
anniversary of her passing.

The Narthex table flowers are given to the glory of God by Jacqui
Savage in memory of Don Savage.

The Narthex table flowers are given to the glory of God by Sydney
Reding.



Preacher: Pastor Peter Olson

Liturgist: Denise Rex

Organist: Lucia Unrau

Choir Director: Ben Kambs

Counters: Terry Shreve & Jim Showalter

AV Techs: Emily Yost & Alex Greene

Ushers: Charlie Bowman, Harper Bowman & Emmy Campbell

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Sunday October 18th	Monday October 19th	Tuesday October 20th
9:15AM Meditation - WC	10:00AM Presbytery Council- LIB	5:30pm Session Meeting - MPR
9:45AM Coffee & Fellowship - HA	10:30AM Chair Yoga - FH	
9:45AM Sunday School - ALL	7:00PM Scouts - WC, Scouts & FH	
11:00am Worship Service - SAN		
2:00PM Pumpkin Palooza - Offsite		
5:00PM PW Bible Study- LIB		
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal - WR		
Wednesday October 21st	Thursday October 22nd	Friday October 23rd
9:30AM 2nd Mile Sewing - FH	12:10PM Chair Yoga - FH	Office Closed
11:30AM Hideaway Men - Hideaway		No Events
12:00PM ROMEO's - HA		
4:00PM Trustees		
Saturday October 24th	Sunday October 25th	FPC Room Abbreviation Key FH = Fellowship Hall HA= Hospitality Area LIB = Library (201) MPR = Multipurpose Rm SAN = Sanctuary WC = Worship Center WR = Westminster Room YS = Youth Suite SR = Sensory Room PYG = Presbyterian Youth Group (6th-12th)
Okla. State Homecoming	9:15AM Meditation - WC	
11:00AM Saturday Brunch - FH	9:45AM Coffee & Fellowship - HA	
12:00PM Shower Appointments - FH	9:45AM Sunday School- ALL	
	11:00am Worship Service - SAN	
	5:00PM PYG	



The Deacons' Prayer List 10/18/26			
Health/Personal	Health/Personal	Health/Personal	Military
Dorothy Akin	Bennett Frohock	Larry Redburn	Felicity Bruner
Betty Bays	Tom Gent (Shreve)	Rusty Rex	Casey Campbell
Jordan Bigelow	Mona Haney (Chermack)	Heather Rine (Seals)	Justin Fowler
Blake & April (D Baker)	Denise Houston (Houston)	Carol Schmitt (Arquitt)	Matt Krehbiel
Rita Breuninger	Mary Emmet	Danielle Shreve	Miles Smith
Norma Burk	Tami Krehbiel's Mom	Roger Stevens (Garoffolo)	
Larry Caldwell	Doug Legler (N Beckstrom)	Connie Stiegler	
J.T. Cotter (J Holland)	Cassidy Lyons (N Beckstrom)	Jase Tanton	
Family & Friends of	Osten Utley 'Oz' (Charter)	Bill Tearney	
Cara Crane	Bonny Mullen	Lynda Williams	
Jackie Dahlgren	Nathan Moore (Stangl)	Valerie Zayat-Bloodgood	
Connie Dixon (Yost)		(Houston)	

First Presbyterian Church, Ponca City, and the Diocese of St. Anthony will offer thanks for the ministry that has happened through its building which now will become the Abbey of St. Thomas for the Diocese of the Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches.

The celebration service will be held Sunday, November 1, 5:00 p.m. at 14th and Grand Avenue, Ponca City.



PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Children and their Families are invited for an afternoon of fun and fellowship among the pumpkins!

Meet us at

OH MY GOURD 1912 E Glencoe RD Glencoe, OK

Sunday October 18th 2:00PM - 4:00PM



Join **PW evening Bible Study Sunday October 18th at 5:00PM**

in the Library on the Second Floor

Everyone is welcome to attend either of these sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa McGaw - lmcgaw@me.com or [214-534-4196](tel:214-534-4196)